(c) Estimated employment in the public sector has also marginally gone down from 194.15 lal<h as on March, 1999 to 191.38 lakh as on March, 2001.

umber of workers

†3045.SHRl RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the total number of workers in the country at the end of nineties;

(b) if so, the number of workers employed on regular wage basis and the number of those employed on casual wage basis out of the above; and

(c) the number of workers employed in public sector out of such regular and casual wage earners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iNTHE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHR! ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) As per the Sample Survey carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation during 1999-2000, estimated workforce in the country was of the order of 39.7 crore. 13.9% and 33.2% of the total workforce were engaged as regular salaried and casual workers respectively.

(c) As on March, 2000, out of a total employment of 27.96 crore in the organised sector, approximately 19.31 crore persons were employed in the public sector.

Reduction in number of workers in PSUs

†3046.SHRl KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the 'decision of the public sector industries to reduce the number of workers;

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